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PROGRAM FARMERS SHORT COURSE AT MOUNTAINAIR

Wednesday and Thursday of
Next Week at the Auditor-
ium of the school
House

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session

- 10:00 Introduction—R. L. Strong
10:15 Breeds of beef cattle and their
Characteristics—Dr. W. P.
Johnson.
Discussion led by J. H. Latham.
11:00 Preparation of a seed bed for
planting—J. M. McArthur.
Discussion led by T. N. Hellos.
12:00 Lunch.

Afternoon

- 1:30 Control of Redent pests—Dr. D.
E. Merrill.
2:15 Selection for planting—J. M.
McArthur.
Discussion led by J. A. Perkins.
4:00 Sheep in the New Mexico of to-
day—Dr. W. P. Johnson.

THURSDAY—Morning Session

- 10:00 Conservation of Moisture by fall
Plowing and other cultivation
methods.—J. M. McArthur.
11:00 Methods of Controlling the Cut-
Worm and Bean Beetle—Mr. D.
E. Merrill.
Discussion led by B. B. Spencer.
12:00 Lunch.

Afternoon

- 1:30 Range problems in the South-
west—Dr. Johnston.
Discussion led by Mr. Barbee.
3:00 Care and management of Home
Gardens and Orchards—D. E.
Merrill.
Discussion led by J. H. Doyle.
4:00 Cattle Judging contest—Dr. W.
P. Johnson.

It is evident that the agricultural in-
terests of Torrance County are in need
of competent advice in matters pre-
taining to farming and live stock inter-
ests. This is true of farmers in regard
to control of insects, pests, and culti-
vation among the farmers. Among the
stockmen the need of prevention and
control of disease is felt. This series
of meetings should have the hearty
support of all the farmers and stock-
men of the county.

The speakers represent the best
talent of the state. Their services are
rendered to the County free of charge.
Plans are to have illustrated lectures of
special interest. We are trying to get
some especially instructive farm films
to use.

Other features of interest will be
added to the program as we see the de-
mand for them at the time of the meet-
ings.

SCHOOLS OF STATE GET \$305,065.89 FROM LAND SALES

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 10.—On his
return from Washington this week,
where he has been attending an im-
portant war work conference, State
School Superintendent J. H. Wagner
will distribute to the common schools of
New Mexico a total of \$305,065.89, be-
ing the largest single apportionment
ever made to common schools of New
Mexico in the history of the state. Of
the total amount to be distributed,
\$267,799.05, or almost \$3 per capita for
the state's school population, is drawn
from the common schools income fund,
derived from rentals of state school
land. In addition to the amount already
transferred to the department of edu-
cation, the state auditor has still a con-
siderable sum remaining of the common
school land income fund which has been
paid in by State Land Commissioner
Erviu and which will go to the schools
in a latter apportionment.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a bicycle and
Dennis wants a doll. I want some
marbles, and mama and papa want a
pair of warm gloves. Vester and Mike
and Zipp want some dominoes. And I
want a little box of candy, a little
wagon and a pencil and tablet.
Your friend,

Pat Shaw.

Dear Santa Claus:

My friend, I want you to bring me a
doll. Have you any? Santa Claus I want
you to bring me a piano. I want to go
to see Santa Claus. I want you to bring
papa a pair of gloves, mama a pin in
gold. Paul wants a house, Pauline
wants a doll and Cecil wants a top.
Good by Santa Claus.

Louise Stiner

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a rubber doll and a top. I
want some trains that run on a track
and some marbles and airgun. I want
some cuffs. I want two pencils and a
horse and a bicycle, and a Teddy bear
and some chickens. I want some candy.
Theodore Bruce,

Dear Santa Claus:

I hope you are well today. I am well
today. I want a big doll and a Teddy
bear. I like you, Santa Claus. Bring
Herman a ball and a flag. Bring John
M. a ball and a hat and a cat. Bring me
a gold ring and my brother a story book
and a pencil; and bring me some rosey
ribbon. Bring papa a tie and some
cuffs. Bring mama a comb and brush,
and a dresser scarf. Goodby to Santa
Claus from

Mary Lee Gibbs.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a
ball and some marbles. I want a wagon
for Christmas. Your friend,
Abdon Castillo.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a doll and a
ball. I want a little doll buggy and a
ridy horse too. A box of candy and a
little dollbed and a doll wagon.

Your friend,
Louise Rogers.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a doll and a
doll buggy. And I want you to bring
me a box of candy, and I want you to
send me a dollbed and a Teddy bear,
Santa Claus is my friend,

Your friend,
Pearl Supulver.

Dear Santa:

If you haven't got no real horse,
please bring me a wooden horse, a red
one with white spotted, like Mr. Port-
er's on the back of his buggy. Bring
Mamma something nice. And Berta a
doll head for her dollie, and Ruth some
hair ribbons. And bring Daddy a Lino-
type. Your little friend,

Philip Rey Speckmann.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please Santa Claus bring my brother
a sled and bring me a little box of candy
and a bicycle. And my brother a rock-
ing horse and a doll. I wish Santa you
would bring me a cowboysuit and a ball.
I want some marbles, a wagon and a
book, some apples and a box of crayolas.

Your friend,
Robert Bigelow.

Mailing the Letters



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Dear Santa Claus:

Please Santa Claus bring Billy and
John a sled. Mamma and Daddy want
a pair of warm gloves. I want a box
of candy and a little doll. And the boys
want a rocking-horse. I want a piano
and a kitchen cabinet and some dishes.
Little sister wants a little cradle and a
little rattle.

Your dear little friend,
Evelyn Orme.

My Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me some candy, and
oranges. Please bring me a doll buggy
for the doll you brought me last year.
Please bring me little dishes and a little
table. I want you to bring my papa and
mamma something nice. I try to be
good. I go to school every day. I am
six years old and I am in the third
grade. Good bye Santa. From
Dorothy Sellers.

Dear Santa Claus:—Bring me a doll,
a doll buggy and Neckles a ball. I want
some dishes, a table and a kitchen cabi-
net. Julius wants a doll. I want a box
of candy. Your friend,
Esther Schmitz.

Dear Santa Claus:

Would you please bring me a doll coat
big enough for my big doll, Burton, and
please bring Ruth a doll coat big enough
for her doll Lorinne. Please bring Ruth
and me a few doll dresses for our dolls.
If you have a big doll head left over
please bring me one for my doll Burton,
because her head came off and mamma
cannot fix it on.

Please bring Rey a little wooden horse
to play with, and please bring us all a
little candy, nuts and a few bananas.
And remember all the little boys and
girls, and the soldiers that have gone to
war. Please take some things to the

little children at the Orphans Home at
Albuquerque, and the children all over
the world. Your little friend
Berta Lois Speckmann.

Dear Santa Claus:—I will write you
what I want. I want a doll and a buggy
and some candy in my stocking and nuts
and some bananas and apples. Well.
Santa Claus, I don't know anythingelse
to ask for you to bring me.
Juanita Langford.

Dear Santa Claus:—I wish you would
bring me a ball, and a doll, and a little
dog. I want some books and a kitty, a
big cat, too. M. A. wishes for a little
doll, too. I want a little tree and a big
tree too, and a boy doll and a girl doll.
Santa Claus, you are my friend. I
want a dresser and a kitchen cabinet
and some dishes.

Your little friend,
Wynona Bullington.

Dear Santa Claus:

Are you coming to my house Christ-
mas night? If you are please bring me
something I can use. I would like a
book, a pair of cuff buttons, a box of
shells for my gun and a trap. Please
bring my little sisters and Paul some
toys. With love from
Thomas Ludlow.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old. I
want a red sweater, a orange, some
candy. Please bring my Mamma a new
coffee pot. This is all. Love to you.
Charley Medley.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a Teddy
bear, a doll, and ball, a wagon, a box of
candy, a trunk and a pencil.

(This little boy or girl forgot to sign
the name, but Old Santa will know who
it is, even if we don't.)

VAN STONE WANTS BEAN GROWERS OF STATE TO ORGANIZE

State Bank Examiner Continu-
ing Good Work, Would Have
Samples Sent to all Army
Cantonments

A suggestion that the bean growers
of New Mexico form an organization
and advertise the New Mexico pinto
bean, sending samples to every army
cantonment in the country, is made by
State Bank Examiner George H. Van
Stone in letters sent out today to all
banks in the state.

With each letter Mr. Van Stone en-
closed copies of the letters he recently
wrote to Secretary of the Treasury
McAdoo, Comptroller of the Currency
Williams and the chairmen of the Fed-
eral Reserve banks of districts 10 and
11, and copies of the letter written to
the comptroller by Herbert Hoover,
national food administrator, to whom
the Van Stone letter was referred and
of a letter received by the state bank
examiner from the quartermaster gen-
eral of the U. S. army.

In his letter Mr. Van Stone said:
"It is apparent that great interest is
being taken in this bean matter by all
concerned and I trust that you will
advise all interested parties in your
vicinity of that fact.

"May I suggest that you interest
yourselves in the formation of 'The
New Mexico Bean Growers' association'
for which there appears to be an urgent
need?"

"Such an organization might adver-
tise the pinto bean, giving the ana-
lysis of them, showing the large protein
content; it might send samples to each
cantonment in the United States and do
other things to bring the pinto bean
prominently before the attention of all
interested.

"I have interested myself in this
matter because of the effect of increas-
ed bean prices upon our bank deposits,
an increase in which helps Liberty
Bonds, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. war
work and loans to stock men to enable
them to buy back feed."

Warren C. Perkins has joined the
association, having purchased a Ford of J.
L. Van Stone last of the week.

Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve

Arrangements are being made for the
Christmas Exercises to be given by the
children of the Methodist Sunday School
at the Chapel on Monday evening, Dec-
ember 24, (Christmas Eve). In con-
nection with a program by the little
folks, there will be a tree and treat for
each pupil who has been enrolled in the
Sunday School.

DRAFTED MEN CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO FOREST REGIMENT

That drafted men now in training
camps of drafted men awaiting their
call can be transferred to the forest
regiment, is announced by the district
forester. To be so transferred, the
applicant must be skilled in some branch
of logging or sawmill work. Full in-
formation can be secured from the dis-
trict forester, at Albuquerque or from
local forest service officials in New Mex-
ico or Arizona.

This provision has been made in order
to speed up the formation of the forest
battalions now being organized at Camp
American University, Washington, D.
C. These battalions are a part of the
20th engineers, which will, when com-
pleted, contain 15,000 men and will be
the largest regiment of any kind in the
world. It is being recruited from lum-
berjack whose applications are now being
received by forest supervisors and the
district forester.